



Office of Administrative Services
Freedom of Information Act Office

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Dear Mr. Brow:

This is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA- 2017-000061), dated October 14, 2016, in which you requested "[a] copy of the lease or possibly leases for the premises that would have been in effect from roughly 6/1/13 until the date of her fall on 12/12/13".

Enclosed please find copies of the lease and supplemental lease amendments for the Richford Vermont Border Station during the period you requested. In processing your request, GSA redacted certain provisions in the lease and supplemental lease amendments in accordance with the fourth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4) Trade Secrets, Commercial or Financial Information. This exemption protects "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential." This exemption is intended to protect the interest of both the government and submitter of information.

In addition, GSA redacted certain provisions in the lease and supplemental lease amendments in accordance with the sixth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C § 552 (b)(6) Personal Information Affecting and Individual's Privacy. This exemption permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." This exemption cannot be invoked to withhold from a requester information pertaining to the requester.

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You have the right to appeal the information being withheld under FOIA. To do so, you must write, within 90 days of your receipt of this letter, to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)
1800 F St. NW, Room 7308
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons why you believe GSA should have the requested information. Enclose a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Carrie Rosenman by email at carrie.rosenman@gsa.gov. You may also contact the GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Audrey Brooks, at (202) 205-5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

Travis Lewis

FOIA Program Manager

Enclosures